

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 776

Congratulating the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New Hampshire,
for 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Mr. HODES (for himself and Mr. CAPUANO) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New
Hampshire, for 100 years of service to the United States
and its wilderness.

Whereas, December 14, 2009, marks the centennial of the
founding of the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) at Dart-
mouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire;

Whereas the DOC, the oldest and largest collegiate outing
club in the Nation, was founded by Fred Harris, Dart-
mouth Class of 1911;

Whereas the DOC has continually promoted environmental
stewardship through student leadership;

Whereas the DOC has promoted environmental stewardship
by caring for over 100 miles of hiking trails, including
over 70 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail

from Route 12 in Woodstock, Vermont, to Route 112 in Woodstock, New Hampshire, as well as maintaining cabins and shelters and teaching wilderness skills, sports, and safety to students and community members;

Whereas the DOC is a student-run club and has consistently focused on student leadership by providing students with the opportunity to lead by carrying out projects which have included constructing the Class of '66 Lodge, organizing the largest freshman trips program in the world, and directing sub-clubs that together allow students to learn about, appreciate, and experience the natural environment year-round;

Whereas in 1969 the DOC founded the Environmental Studies Division, which has continually promoted environmental sustainability and conservation;

Whereas the Environmental Studies Division of the DOC has displayed national leadership in environmental conservation by testifying before Congress regarding the Alaska Lands Act in the spring of 1977, establishing the Dartmouth Organic Farm, and constructing a carbon-neutral greenhouse;

Whereas the DOC has promoted sustainability by having Dartmouth students buy and re-engineer a passenger bus into the DOC's Big Green Bus, powered by vegetable oil and solar energy;

Whereas on June 16, 2009, 15 Dartmouth College students began the Big Green Bus' fifth annual cross-country trip, traveling 11,300 miles to promote environmental awareness and action; and

Whereas throughout 2009, the Dartmouth Outing Club, along with current members and alumni of Dartmouth

College, took part in Centennial Celebrations for the organization by participating in a 100-mile hike of Outing Club trails, a Riverfest on the Connecticut River, the 63rd annual Woodsmen's Weekend, and a hike of the entire Appalachian National Scenic Trail from Georgia to Maine by students and alumni simultaneously in different sections: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
2 gratulates the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New
3 Hampshire, for 100 years of service to the United States
4 and its wilderness, and commends the Club's ongoing com-
5 mitment to further environmental stewardship and stu-
6 dent leadership.

○